

FIRE NEXT TO THEATRE CAUSES MILD PANIC

Audience Assured There's No Danger, but Rush for Exits.

MANY WOMEN FAINT.

Blaze Was in Restaurant Adjoining and Was Soon Controlled.

A fire, that for a time threatened the Newark Theatre, Newark, N. J., where "The Bishop's Carriage," is playing in "The Bishop's Carriage," and caused somewhat of a panic in the audience, broke out last night in the Anheuser-Busch cafe and restaurant at the corner of Market and Beaver streets, two doors away. When the first of the fire engines arrived, a few moments after the flames were discovered, Lee Ottolengui, the manager of the theatre, hastened to the street, and seeing the close proximity of the fire hurried to the stage. From the footlights he told the audience that the danger, if any, was far enough away to permit all to leave in safety, and asked the people to walk out calmly and all would be well.

Panic in Theatre.
At that time it looked to people outside as if the play-house must be quickly enveloped. The noise of the engines in front of the theatre, coupled with the shouts of persons in the street caused the nervous to become panic-stricken. Many of them made a rush for the emergency exit that had been thrown open as well as for the main exit.
One woman was knocked down or fell in the rush, and was slightly hurt, while several fainted. Others of the women in the audience left their hats and walked in their hurry to get out. When they did reach the sidewalk some of them collapsed and had to be assisted to the opposite side of the street, where they were revived by doctors.
Those in the upper galleries, chiefly men and boys, were in the most danger, as only a single wall separated them from the burning building. The entrance to that part of the theatre is on Beaver street, but the heat was so great on that side that the "gallery gods" had to leave by the emergency exits on the opposite side and go down the fire escapes into the rear alley. All got out safely, however.
Fire Soon Controlled.
While the theatre was being emptied two alarms had been sent out in rapid succession, and the firemen were busy battling with the flames in the restaurant building. The fire had swept up the elevator shaft from the basement to the fourth floor and through the roof. It looked as if the entire building would be destroyed, but when the streams from a half-dozen engines were trained on the building the fire was soon got under control.
The loss to the restaurant people will be about \$10,000. The Robinson Company, installation furniture, and clothing dealers, in the adjoining building, sustained a heavy loss, mostly by water. A defective electric wire was seen as the cause of the blaze. It is the second fire that has occurred in the restaurant in six weeks.

HUSBAND DECLARES THE CHILD ISN'T HIS

Asserts in Suit His Wife Represents Her Sister's Daughter as Their Own.

In answering his wife's petition for alimony and support of their child, made in connection with his suit for divorce, Herman Straus, a motorman in the Metropolitan Railway Company's express-car service, makes the charge that the child, which Mrs. Straus says is theirs, is her sister's.
The Strauses were married in October, 1903, and lived for some time at No. 303 East Seventy-first street. When the nuptial knot was tied Straus says his wife was caring for a child which she said was her sister's, a Mrs. Horowitz, who lives in Hungary. After their marriage the child became known as Hattie Straus. She is now said to be nine years old.
Last June Mrs. Straus went to Europe and took Hattie with her. When she came back she and her husband lived in East Seventieth street for a few weeks, but she then had him arrested for non-support. He was discharged.
Then as the months wore on Straus determined to sue for absolute divorce. He went to Samuel H. Wendell, of No. 42 Broadway, filed his suit and named several co-respondents, one of whom swore that he and Mrs. Straus had lived together as man and wife.
The case came up before Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court, and now Mrs. Straus has put in her alimony

claim. Besides averring that the child isn't his, Straus declares that he makes only \$13.50 a week, while his wife has a bank account of several thousand dollars, much of which she made as the proprietress of a saloon on the east side.

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